



Winslow Parks and Recreation Monthly Town Council Report January 2013

Hello all,

I am pleased to announce that the Winslow Parks and Recreation Community Ice Rink is up and running. The ice rink is located between the Junior High and the High School on the outfield of the Junior High baseball field. This rink is a reality because of a tremendous amount of teamwork and hard work by those involved. First I would like to thank Town Councilman Ray Caron for approaching me on the idea and then doing the necessary fundraising to make it happen. Secondly, the Winslow High School Girls and Boys Hockey Boosters along with Ray were the workforce that put the board together and put them in place for the rink to become a reality. The Winslow Fire Department and more specifically Karl Roy helped us with flooding the water with some 20,000 gallons of water.

The rink has been open for a couple of weeks and the feedback from community members has been all positive. The Junior High and High School Physical Education programs are also looking to make the rink an asset for their classes, and I am sure other school organizations and classes will take advantage as well. The hours of operation are sunrise to 10:00pm and with that being said, I have personally seen use at almost every hour of operation. Thanks again to all those that helped or supported this effort.

The Winslow Parks and Recreation Department is currently working on it's goals for the year 2013 and one of them includes the creation and implementation of a Walking School Bus program. This program would combine teachers, high school and junior high students, with elementary students and some exercise. Teachers and students from the grades of 7 through 12 would walk with elementary students who get dropped off at the Junior High and would take the newly constructed walking path near the track. This program would get the elementary students off the bus a little earlier with some exercise while creating some excellent mentoring relationships with older students. Although it's in its early stages of discussion, this program would be a great asset for all those involved. I will keep you posted.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Points to Ponder

"When I die, I want to die like my grandfather who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car."

Will Rogers